Subsidy to primary Weavers' Societies

1627. SHRI RAMSINGBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government are giving grants subsidy and other incentives in cash and kind to the primary weavers' societies;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what policy/procedure is being adopted for the same; and

(c) what is the quantum of such assistance given to each society during the last three years in the districts of Baroda, Surat, Valsad, Broach and other districts of Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) The Central Government provides assistance to the State Govts. including Gujarat, under the various Plan Schemes on a matching basis for strengthening the share capital base of primary weavers societies, purchase/modernisation/renovation of looms and managerial subsidy for paid Secretaries. Rebate on retail sales of handloom goods is offered by the Central and State Govts. on a matching basis.

(c) A statement showing the assistance given by the Central Govt. during the last 3 years under the above schemes to Gujarat is enclosed (*See* below). District-wise and Society-wise statistics are not maintained by Govt. of India.

Statement

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Scheme	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88
1.	Strengthening share Capital base of Primary weavers Sociaties	..	1.25	1.50
2.	Purchase/modernisation/renovation of looms	12.00	2.00	..
3.	Managerial Subsidy for appointment of paid Secretaries	..	1.00	..
4.	Rebate*	18.33	43.04	45.93

*Includes releases to Primary handloom weavers societies and other organisations of the State—

Fiscal policy

1628. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the long-term fiscal policy announced in December, 1985 is still in vogue;

(b) what is the short-fall in the expected returns from the public sector as per this policy; and

(c) what alternative measures are being considered by Government to meet such shortfall in resources?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Several of the important elements of the Long-Term Fiscal Policy (LTFP), announced in December, 1985, have already been implemented.

(b) and (c) The annualised projections given in the LTFP document were based on five-year Plan projections and envisaged that the internal ad extra-budgetary resources of the Centres Public Sector Undertakings would on an average be about 3.6 per cent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) during the Seventh plan period